

CALIFORNIA LETTER

REV. R. W. LEWIS WRITES AN
INTERESTING LETTER.

IRRIGATION

His Investigations in Southern California and a Study of Their Methods of Irrigation Make Him More Enthusiastic Than Ever Concerning the Future of the Pecos Valley

The following letter from Rev. R. W. Lewis will be read with interest by our readers. Rev. Lewis has made a study of the various methods of irrigation in California with a view to the adoption of the best methods in the Pecos Valley. His observations are worthy of careful reading.

"Downey, Cal., Dec. 7, 1903.

"To the Roswell Record:

"Dear Mr. Editor:—Having bought land in the Pecos Valley one year ago, and now being interested in the development of the valley in general all facts calculated to throw light on our problems interest me. Thus my presence in Southern California for some time this winter has been interesting in the extreme, because of the similarity of conditions here and in the Pecos Valley. Believing your readers will be glad to get a few notes first-hand, I dare offering some special observations.

"That southern California is a great land need not be argued. The fact that orchards, orange groves and walnut farms sell for from \$300 to \$1,500 per acre, prove the proposition without argument. But here, as in the Pecos Valley, it is the water that makes the land. The land seems to be almost pure sand. Nevertheless fruit trees and walnuts, citrons and pumpkins, sweet potatoes, grapes and vegetables thrive luxuriantly. Excepting the orange, all of these products can be grown as well in our own Valley as here.

There are three sources of water supply here, the river, artesian and surface wells. It is about the last named I have been most concerned. Having thousands of acres in the Pecos Valley just outside the artesian belt, yet land as fine as any, the question of pumping water for these lands has been on my mind over a year. Coming here I determined a full and satisfactory answer to my question. Just today I have been riding over one estate of 11,000 acres, three thousand of which are under cultivation and irrigated from wells. The wells run as deep as 200 feet. Both centrifugal and Woods' pumps are used. Tremendous streams twelve inches in diameter shoot out of the Woods pump supply pipe into the reservoir. One of these reservoirs I saw today is nearly an acre square and is made to irrigate 300 acres. It is undoubtedly overworked, but my informant who has had charge of the plant in the past, insists that 200 acres of alfalfa can be easily irrigated from this well. The flow is 125 inches. They do not measure here by gallons as we do. With a Woods pump and electric motor this reservoir is filled in 9 or 10 hours. The reservoir is lined with asphalt, and the ditch mains are usually of cement concrete, the cost of which is about 30 to 35 cents per lineal foot. This expense is necessary since the sand ditches will allow too great a loss from absorption.

Everywhere I hear but one testimony and that is in favor of pumping from 15 to 50 feet. One plant has been just put in which cost nearly \$4,000. With such plants and land selling at \$1,000 per acre, they claim they can make 10 per cent on the investment raising English walnuts. Then what could we do in the Pecos Valley with our lands worth \$25 to \$100 per acre?

Since investigating conditions here I am more enthusiastic than ever as to the future of the Pecos Valley. For four days the wind has been blowing a gale which is locally called a "Santa Ana," since the wind shoots down from a canon by that name. Thus the sand storms of the Pecos Valley become more than tolerable in view of the fact that this "garden spot" of the earth must en-

sure similar annoyances. Then they have had three killing frosts in succession the past few days, and this writer has never suffered so much from cold in Roswell Denver or anywhere else, nor caught a more trying cold than he has here now and is experiencing. The air is full of humidity, dense fogs coming up from the ocean and drenching vegetation with moisture that drips therefrom.

A real embarrassment experienced here, but not at Roswell, is the very low prices paid for country produce of all kinds. Sweet potatoes are a great crop here, but think of 3-4 to 1-4 cents per pound. With another railroad or two into the Pecos Valley we shall have at our doors inexhaustible markets. Texas alone can use all the apples, celery and many other products possible for us to produce.

The general appearance of towns and country places in this part of California is disappointing. In a land where the soil sells sometimes for as high as \$1,500 per acre, and often at \$500 (fruit farms this means) one naturally looks for evidences of thrift, such as substantial buildings, commodious outhouses, fences up, gates in good repair, etc., etc., whereas all these are often missing.

This little town of perhaps 700 people, thirteen miles from Los Angeles, compares favorably with a Texas Panhandle burg of the same population—no better.

Take off your hat, give it three whirls in the air and halloo. Three cheers for the Pecos Valley. There is a great day ahead for Roswell. Cumberbund City and all the Pecos Valley. If this country is great, ours will ere long be greater. Mind this prophecy.

RICH'D. W. LEWIS.

LOCAL NEWS

All kinds of nuts—Hampton's.

WANTED—Stock to pasture. tf.

New apple cider at Hampton's.

John DeArcy spent Sunday in Artesia.

R. A. Davison of Dexter was here yesterday.

R. H. Rodman of Dexter was here yesterday.

Mrs. A. D. Hill left Saturday for Seymour, Texas.

Pure pork sausage, 15c per pound.—Hobson-Lowe Co.

If you want a ticket to Memphis, call at Record office. 230t3

L. T. Scholars, the Artesia real estate man, was here yesterday.

Fine Paper Hanging A. STACY & CO. S Stacy's

109 Main Street.

We have an exclusive sign and carriage shop under the management of K. G. Stacy. Bring us your buggies and have them painted same as done by big factories.

Christmas Gifts.

As a rule to buy the right thing at the right prices is a very difficult task. Not so at DANIEL & DANIEL, The Druggists. They have the most elegant selection of High Class Christmas Novelties ever shown in Roswell and the prices are very reasonable. Also full line of Toys, Books and Dolls for the little ones. See window display and you'll be convinced.

DANIEL & DANIEL,
The Druggists.



Do You Eat Oysters.

There used to be just one way to ship oysters. That way was to dump the oysters in an old wooden pail, dump ice water in with the oysters, put in some "embalming" fluid and then the oysters were churned against the ice absorbing all the dirt and impurities until you had a dop-unfit for the stomach of the strongest man.

THE NEW WAY—Redderson sells oysters that are shipped in patent carriers. This carrier consists of two parts. The oysters are in the inner, sealed air tight receptacle, waterproof, dirt proof and germ proof. The ice is in the outer receptacle, and is made to keep the oyster not destroy it. Buy Naturally Flavored Oysters and Not Dope. Redderson is the only man who sells "Sealship" oysters.



Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Elliott, of Dexter, are at the Grand Central.

Fine suburban orchard with artesian water.—Richey & DeFreest. tf.

LOST—A blue bead belt Saturday afternoon. Return to Record office and receive reward.

HOUSE FOR RENT.—A new four room furnished house for rent. Apply at Record office. tf.

Elza White, Jr., the little son of Elza White the manager of the Grand Central, is ill of pneumonia.

WANTED.—To borrow six thousand dollars at ten per cent for five years. Inquire at Record office. 229m

E. T. Burr, of Dexter, was here Saturday and reports that H. Menn is having a surface well drilled in that town.

FOR RENT.—Four room house on Spring River avenue, near 1st st. See George W. Hunt, 121 S. Main street. tf.

The many friends of Captain Philbrick will be pleased to know that he is on the streets again after a serious illness.

H. P. Hobson has just returned from the north with a carload of corn-fed hogs. The firm is now selling pork at cut prices. tf.

FOUND.—A pocketbook. The owner can have same by calling at this office, proving property, and paying for this advertisement.

C. A. Overholt, the immigration agent of the Santa Fe, arrived here last evening accompanied by C. M. Lessinger of Burlington, Iowa.

We are just unloading a carload of Fairbanks' Clarette and White Star soap and Gold Dust. Best soap known to the trade.—Western Grocery Co.

FOUND.—A bunch of keys. The owner can get same by calling at the RECORD office, describing property and paying for advertisement.

B. Vanderwork and M. P. Hatfield of McMillan were here Saturday. They are from Belle Plaine, Kansas, and recently located near McMillan.

C. E. Pollock, of the Coliseum bowling alleys, left Saturday afternoon for El Paso on a business trip, and will be absent for about ten days.

J. R. Ward, who has been the electrician here for eighteen months, left Saturday afternoon for his old home at Greenville, Texas, where he will spend the winter.

C. L. Allison left Saturday afternoon for his home at Ashland, N. C. He broke his leg here about four months ago and is still unable to walk without the aid of crutches.

FOR RENT.—Five room house, with cellar and water in kitchen and yard. Also horse and wagon shed. Near the new school house on Military Heights. Inquire at 1301 North Main. 230t3.

Want anything? Tell about it in our Want Department. You'll get what you want. Yes indeed you will.

O. P. Barker of Riverdale, Kansas, who has been here for some days improving his claim near this city, left yesterday for home. He is a young Kansas farmer and is delighted with the Pecos Valley.

Miss Myrtle Ware, of Utopia, Tex., who has been visiting her sister Mrs. J. B. Finley for three months, left Saturday afternoon for home. She is a charming young lady and made many friends during her visit here.

W. M. Garland, wife and two children and Misses Lottie and Jane Brown of Pittsburg, Pa., arrived here on last evening's train and are at the Grand Central. They will likely spend the winter in this city.

Mrs. Bond, of Memphis, Tennessee, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beckham, Jr., of Kansas City, who are spending the winter at the Grand Central, left Saturday afternoon for Carlsbad where they will be the guests of George H. Webster, Jr., for a few days.

Alabama Celebrates Birthday. Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 14.—Alabama was admitted to the Union 84 years ago today, and the anniversary was celebrated throughout the state. It is the first time the anniversary has been observed, and today's celebration was due chiefly to the efforts of the Alabama Educational association.

J. J. Rascoe, Jr., left Saturday afternoon for Bisbee, Ariz., where he expects to go into the mercantile business. Mr. Rascoe is a very popular young man here and his many friends regret to see him leave the city. He was formerly a member of the bottling firm of Gamble & Rascoe, but recently sold out his interest in the business to Mr. Gamble. He was also employed with the Joyce-Fruit Co. for a number of years.

Holiday Excursions. On December 18, 19, 20 and 25 the P. V. & N. E. Ry. will sell excursion tickets to points in Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and the Southeastern states east of the Mississippi river, at the rate of one fare plus \$2 for the round trip. Limit for return 30 days from the date of sale. On December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 tickets will be sold to points within a distance of 210 miles at greatly reduced rates with limit of January 3 for return. M. D. BURNS, Agent.

You are invited to attend
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The Swellest Line of Neckwear in the City.

For high band collars, Batwing Windsors Four-in-Hand, Imperials, Band Bows, Strings, etc. Ladies we will wager if you are looking for a Xmas present you will go no farther.

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If you want reliable fruit trees buy them of Ira A. Williams. 230tf
FOR SALE.—New six room house on Main street. Apply at the Record office. 230t2.

FOR RENT.—To man and wife, a furnished room. Apply at 122 E. Second st. tf.

Frost's views make an ideal Christmas present. Send them east to your friends. tf.

Try our pure pork sausage, ham, bacon and lard. Our own make.—Hobson-Lowe Co.

Nicely furnished rooms and first class board in the Hobson building back of the postoffice.

Fresh chocolates at Hampton's.

WANTED.—A few good fraternal workers, men and women, by state organizer. Call or address 211 N. Washington st. 229t2

FOR RENT.—Large beautifully furnished rooms for rent in the Hobson building west of the postoffice. Mrs. R. H. Bennett. tf.

Artistic Piano Tuning.—The highest standard of work absolutely guaranteed.—Andrews & Axelson, room 16, Texas Block.

CHRISTMAS—Goods, Nuts, Candies, Confectionaries. Just received a large shipment of Loose-Wiles chocolates.—J. H. Hampton.